

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
HARRISON DIVISION

DAVID M. WATSON

PLAINTIFF

vs.

CIVIL No. 06-3041

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,¹ COMMISSIONER
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

DEFENDANT

O R D E R

On this 23rd day of January, 2008, the court has before it for consideration plaintiff's request for attorney's fees and costs pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. For reasons set forth in the report and recommendation filed by the Honorable James R. Marszewski, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, on January 2, 2008, the court finds that the Magistrate's recommendations should be adopted *in toto* and hereby awards plaintiff's attorney fees in the amount of \$2816.90 for 18.45 attorney hours at the rate of \$152.00 per hour and .25 paralegal hours at the rate of \$50.00 per hour. This amount shall be paid in addition to, and not out of, any past-due benefits plaintiff may be awarded in the future.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Jimm Larry Hendren
HONORABLE JIMM LARRY HENDREN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹Michael J. Astrue became the Social Security Commissioner on February 12, 2007. Pursuant to Rule 25(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Michael J. Astrue has been substituted for Commissioner Jo Anne B. Barnhart as the defendant in this suit.